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Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
Special Assistant-Intelligence
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I take pleasure in commending Mr. Joseph A. Yager of your organization for his exceptional performance and extraordinary efforts in connection with the China Trade Studies.

His contribution was prepared under extreme pressure of time and involved many hours of extra effort as well as a great deal of initiative and persistence in discovering, compiling and analysing previously unexplored and inaccessible data.

I am sure that you will agree with me that these Studies are among the most successful joint efforts completed in the intelligence community and have contributed materially to the national security.

Sincerely,

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